

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
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The Right Reverend
Bishop ANTHONY



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

Diocese of Los Angeles
And the West

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*The Springtime of the Fast has dawned; the flower of repentance has begun to open. O brethren, let us cleanse ourselves from all impurity and sing to the Giver of Light: Glory be to Thee, Who alone lovest mankind!
From the apostikha for vespers on Wednesday of Cheesefare week*

Beloved clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Los Angeles,

First, I greet you as we are about to embark on the Springtime of the Fast. I wish you and all our faithful a time of spiritual refreshment.

Second, I hope that as many of you and your faithful as possible—particularly those in the Southern California area—will join us for the Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers, 6 pm Sunday, March 1, at St. Nicholas Cathedral, in Los Angeles. I am hosting my brother Orthodox bishops of the West Coast and their clergy and laity of the greater Los Angeles area. We will be welcoming His Grace Bishop Vasily, the new OCA Bishop of San Francisco and the West.

Third, I ask you to join Metropolitan Saba and me in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of our Diocese Cathedral, my seat. Two weeks after Pascha—the weekend of April 25-26—the faithful of St. Nicholas Cathedral will be hosting a Jubilee Gala to celebrate this milestone for them *and* the Diocese. St. Nicholas opened in 1960 (only the second church in the west, at the time) and became the mother church for most of our churches and missions, which, in turn, spawned daughter churches of their own. In the words of St. Cyprian of Carthage, “We recognize as apostolic those churches established by the Apostles and the churches established by those churches.”

Thus, I have blessed St. Nicholas Cathedral to send you information about the 75th Anniversary. I encourage you to help celebrate this milestone for our Diocese through your attendance, if possible, and through supporting the Souvenir Journal marking the occasion.

Yours in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

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“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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